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Public Health Service

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WARNING LETTER
SJN-99-13

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Gordon Finch
Executive Director
USVI Port Authority
P.O. Box 301-707
St. Thomas, USVI 00803-1707

Dear Mr. Finch:

During an inspection of your vessel support (watering point) facility located at Frederiksted Pier, St. Croix, USVI conducted on August 5, 1999, our investigator found deficiencies which are considered violations of the Public Health Service Act and the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations; Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1240.83 (21 CFR 1240.83).

The inspection revealed the following critical violations:

1. Both hydrants at the pier (watering points) lack a backflow prevention device as required by 21 CFR 1240.83. In addition, the water outlets are not directed downward or horizontal as required.

The inspectional observations identified above, are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of the conditions observed at your facility. It is your responsibility to assure adherence with all requirements of the regulations.

Based on the inspectional findings we are classifying your facility as NOT APPROVED for interstate carriers. A re-inspection will be conducted as soon as you respond to determine if corrections have been accomplished.

You should notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations, including an explanation of each step being taken to

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prevent the recurrence of similar violations. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason for the delay and the time within which the corrections will be completed.

Your reply should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, 466 Fernandez Juncos Avenue, Puerta de Tierra, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901-3223, Attention: Daniel Gonzalez, Director, Compliance Branch.

If you require any assistance in understanding the contents of this letter, or if you desire a meeting with members of our staff, please contact Mr. Gonzalez at (787) 729-6894.

Copies of this letter are being sent to being sent to each of the agents that use this watering point facility.

Sincerely,



Mildred R. Barber
District Director

Enclosure:

Copy of FDA-483

CC: Mr. Antonio Rosario
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